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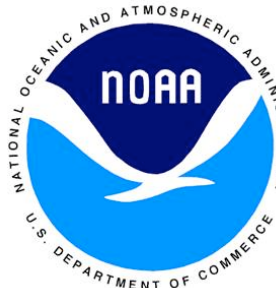
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# Press Release

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**WHAT:** Media can see oiled birds, veterinary care, food-prep areas, washing areas and recovery pools. Depending on birds' status, may be able to see actual bird washing.

**WHEN:** Noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10 (media will be admitted only at this time)

**WHERE:** At the oiled wildlife rescue center in Cordelia (just outside Fairfield), where birds are being taken from San Francisco Bay oil spill

**WHO:**

- \* Greg Massey, UC Davis wildlife veterinarian
- \* Jay Holcomb, director of International Bird Rescue Research Center
- \* Others involved in the veterinary care and rehabilitation of the oiled birds

**BACKGROUND:** Birds oiled in San Francisco Bay this week are being cared for at the San Francisco Bay Oiled Wildlife Care and Education Center in Cordelia (just outside Fairfield), where they receive the world's most advanced veterinary care for oiled wildlife.

The Oiled Wildlife Center is a 12,000-square-foot, \$2.7 million facility capable of caring for 1,000 or more sick birds.

It is operated by the Oiled Wildlife Care Network, which coordinates rescue facilities, staff and volunteers for spills throughout California. The OWCN is managed statewide by the UC Davis Wildlife Health Center, a program of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine.

The mission of the Oiled Wildlife Care Network is to ensure that wildlife exposed to petroleum products receive the best possible treatment, by ensuring a rapid response, coordinating effective emergency care in a spill crisis and administering an ongoing research program.

In addition to giving veterinary care, the network funds basic research into the effects of oil on wildlife and applied research into treatments that will improve survival.

The OWCN is funded by the Office of Spill Prevention and Response of the California Department of Fish and Game. The Fish and Game monies come from interest on the \$50 million California Oil Spill Response Trust Fund, which was built from assessments on the oil industry.

Also: Please publish this information for members of the public who want to volunteer in the rescue effort: Watch for updates online at <<http://www.owcn.org>>.

**DIRECTIONS AND PARKING:** Take I-80 to Fairfield, just before the I-680 interchange.

>From the east, take the Suisun Valley Road exit, cross over the interstate and travel south to Cordelia Road. Turn left on Cordelia, travel 1/4 mile and see the wildlife center in a big green building on your right.

>From the west, take the Green Valley Road exit, turn right onto Green Valley Road and travel south to Cordelia Road. Turn left on Cordelia, travel 0.7 miles and see the wildlife center in a big green building on your right.

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SIGHTINGS, CALL 985-781-0804 TO REPORT OILED WILDLIFE, CALL 877-823-  
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